

**PRESS RELEASE  
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
(August 23, 2016)**

**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS:** Please click on the person's name to access a link to a copy of the public documents for these physicians.

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

[Ravi C. Ashwath, M.D.](#), a 46-year-old pediatrician who practices in Cleveland, Ohio, and intends to practice in Iowa City, Iowa, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board on August 11, 2016. On February 23, 2005, Dr. Ashwath entered into a Public Consent Order with the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners (Georgia Board). The Georgia Board concluded that Dr. Ashwath failed to conform to the minimum standard of care when he failed to provide appropriate medical care to a child with an obstructed ventricular shunt in July 1999. Dr. Ashwath agreed to complete thirty (30) hours of continuing medical education in the area of pediatric neurology and pay a \$5,000 fine plus costs. Dr. Ashwath was subsequently disciplined in Ohio and Florida based on the Georgia disciplinary action and in Florida for failure to report the Georgia disciplinary action to the Florida Board as required by law. Under the terms of the August 11, 2016, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Ashwath a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Georgia Board and granted him a permanent Iowa medical license.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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